

**Community Development Committee  
Regular Meeting  
May 14, 2004 - 8:30 a.m.  
Tribal Office Conference Room A**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Vice-Chairman Bernard Vigue called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Those present: Dave Corn, Twila Peters, Pat Corn and Dave Grignon. Committee Chairperson Ann Marie Johnson, Susan Waukau and Jim Horton were absent. Also present for the meeting Renee Mahkimetas, Alex Peters, Serena Waupoose, Kim Komanekin, Janice Reed and Davey Jean Peters.

**2. Moment of Silence** - A moment of silence was observed.

**3. Review Minutes Dated April 23, 2004-**

**Motion made by Dave Grignon to approve the minutes dated April 23, 2004. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Dave Grignon to suspend the agenda and move to #7. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

**7. Eagle Towing/Renee Mahkimetas-**

Renee Mahkimetas from the Business Center was present along with the owners of Eagle Towing Alex Peters and Serena Waupoose. Alex and Serena are concerned because some tribal members have questioned their business by saying they don't have a "Salvage Yard License/Permit" or a "Towing Permit." Alex has been trying to get a permit for a year now but no one seems to have an answer as to who issues the permit.

Renee stated that she sent a letter to the legal department and is still waiting for a response. Committee decided that they are unable to do anything until they have the legal opinion.

**Motion made by Dave Corn to table the issue until next meeting. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

**6. Recreation Lot Discussion/Kim Komanekin-**

Kim was present and would like some direction from the committee on what to do about recreation lake lots when the lease holder dies. Kim stated that currently there are three lots held by people who died. The family members of the people who pass away seem to think they can just continue to pay for the lot and keep it.

Kim stated that one particular person died and had it in his will to give the lot to his son but the courts said there was something wrong with the will and won't accept it. Kim stated that she doesn't know what to do because there isn't a policy on it right now.

Committee went into a lengthy discussion regarding the issue and said that a policy will need to be developed. No further action was taken.

**Motion made by Dave Grignon to go back to #4 on the agenda. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

**4. Goals and Objectives-**

**Motion made by Dave Corn to table. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

5. **Motions Approved/Not Approved by Legislature-** Committee briefly discussed the motions, no action taken.

Janice Reed was present to discuss with the committee a concern that she has with her lot. Janice came to the committee before because the person occupying the lot next to her built his garage and it overlaps on to her lot which affects her building her house. Committee discussed the issue and it was the consensus of the committee that a letter be sent to the Kitson's and tell them they have to move the garage.

8. **Cemetery-**

Bernie stated that they are still waiting for the archeological test to be done on the proposed site.

**Motion made by Dave Grignon to table. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

9. **Imminent Threat Grant Application-**

Dave Corn stated that there were going to use the money to pay for the repair on the Neopit Lagoon but is also looking for other ways to pay for the repairs. More information needed, no action taken.

10. **Timber Harvest-**

Committee discussed the issue at a previous meeting and wanted more information. Bernie stated that the 40 acre lot near Middle Village along Hwy G is due for harvesting under the Forest Crop Law (FCL). Bernie submitted the information and would like the committee to answer whether the lot should remain in FCL and be cut? If cut, then should it be entirely clear cut? Who should manage the cutting project?

Committee discussed the issue and since the Tribe has no way to manage the project or equipment to do the harvesting they decided that MTE should do it. Committee members also feel that the land shouldn't be totally clear cut because there is enough of that going on all over the reservation.

**Motion made by Dave Corn to select cut and let MTE handle the harvesting project for the 40 acre property along Hwy G. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

11. **Trust Status Process-**

Bernie stated that his department is still working on it and it's not ready for committee yet.

**Motion made by Pat Corn to table the trust status report. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

12. **Sunrise Property-**

Twila Peters informed the committee that the Legislature approved Elda Brisk to live in the Sunrise property with the stipulations that she pays for all the bills. Twila stated that since then she hasn't paid anything. Twila informed the committee that she was given until June 1st 2004 to stay there and is requesting that she not be given an extension.

Committee members discussed what would happen to the house when she moves out. Committee members feel that there isn't too many people willing to pay the price it cost to

heat the place and recommend that the house be sold.

**Motion made by Dave Grignon to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature the non-renewal of present agreement with the tenant in the Sunrise Property and that the facilities be put up for sale. Motion was seconded Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

Bernie talked about the Reiter Property. Bernie stated that there was a motion to extend the lease with stipulations that the rent be paid and the rent has not been paid. Bernie stated that out of the three years the tenants have been there, only about two years worth of rent have been paid.

Bernie stated that several people are inquiring about renting the building for business purposes such as, Little Horse Amusements, tire repair shop, computer training center and a bakery. Bernie stated that the building is in poor shape with bad plumbing and electrical and also needs work in bathrooms. The roof and heating system have been replaced.

Committee would like to know the condition of the building and have Rick Warrington do an inspection and bring a report back to the committee.

It was the consensus of the committee to bring the issue back after further evaluation.

**Motion made by Dave Grignon to suspend the agenda and move to #17. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**17. Other Business-**

Davey Jean Peters was present to request a variance from the committee for a trailer home. Davey stated that the County Highway Department put the trailer they used for office space out for bids and she bid on it and got it not knowing the 5 year rule. Davey stated that the trailer is older than 5 years but is in good shape and would like the variance so she can put it in Middle Village.

**Motion made by Dave Grignon to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature the approval of the variance to place the trailer Davey Jean Peters purchased from County Highway Department in Middle Village as long as Rick Warrington submits a report. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

Committee would like to look at the ordinance regarding trailers because the committee has been seeing too many people coming to meetings with trailers that are more than 5 years old. Committee feels that maybe it should be changed to look at the condition of the trailer rather than how old it is.

**Motion made by Dave Corn to go back to #13. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**13. Keshena Water System Improvements-**

Bernie and Dave Corn explained the project with the committee.

**Motion made by Pat Corn to go with the Keshena Water System and that the project be financially supported by; loan-\$488,310, USDA Grant-\$2,000,000 and EPA-\$356,000. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention (Dave Corn). Motion carried.**

**14. Courthouse Construction Update/Rick Warrington-**

Rick Warrington was not present for the meeting but did submit a report. Bernie stated that the information is FYI and that the project should be completed in July.

**15. C-Store Update/HUD Rural Housing & Economic Development Grant-**

Bernie stated that he would like the committee to approve the resolution to apply for a grant and send it to the Legislature for approval. Bernie stated that if the grant is approved it would be for \$400,000 to fund the C-Store.

**Motion made by Dave Grignon to approve the resolution to apply for grant under the US Department of Housing & Urban Development Rural Housing and Economic Development Program. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**16. Woodland Bowl Request-**

Committee received a copy of a request from Carol Kaquatosh to use the Woodland Bowl for a family reunion on August 21, 2004.

**Motion made by Pat Corn to approve the request of Carol Kaquatosh and Family to use the Woodland Bowl on August 21, 2004 for a family reunion. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**18. Adjournment-**

**Motion made by Dave Corn to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services